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SUBJECT: WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS - MEETING WITH GOY OFFICIALS

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 9895 (B) BELGRADE 5609

1. EMBASSY HAS SENT NOTE TO FSFA (FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS) REQUESTING LIST OF YUGOSLAV LEGAL SPECIALISTS COMPETENT TO TESTIFY BEFORE U.S. COURT RE NATURE YUGOSLAV JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, SHOULD ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC BE TRIED HERE FOR WAR CRIMES. ALSO REQUESTED MATERIAL ON PREVIOUS YUGOSLAV TRIALS FOR OFFENSE OF GENOCIDE AND OTHER WAR CRIMES, REFERRED TO IN AUGUST 1 MEETING.

2. FSFA (LOPICIC) ADVISES US THAT LIST OF EXPERTS AND ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WILL BE PREPARED IN BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER WHEN YUGOSLAV ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL LAWYERS HOLDS ITS MEETING. AT THAT TIME, ASSOCIATION WILL SELECT PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS WILLING TO TESTIFY IN U.S. COURT AND WILL ASSEMBLE RELEVANT WRITTEN MATERIALS. ACTION ON MENDELSON REQUESTS PRIOR THAT TIME IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO SUMMER VACATIONS HERE.

3. PER MENDELSON/BELOTE REQUEST, WE HAVE ALSO PASSED TO FSFA NAME OF PROFESSOR MIRJAN DEMASKA (YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL UNCLASSIFIED

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OF LAW) WITH REQUEST THAT FSFA AUTHORIZE HIS TESTIMONY IN U.S. FSFA WOULD PREFER WAIT FOR ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL LAWYERS MEETING REFERRED TO EARLIER TO SEE WHETHER ASSOCIATION SELECTS DEMASKA AS MEMBER FSFA PANEL OF EXPERTS. LOPICIC SUGGESTS MENDELSON/BELOTE WRITE TO DEMASKA DIRECTLY. COMMENT: IN LETTER TO DEMASKA MENDELSON/BELOTE MAY WANT TO MENTION BELGRADE MEETINGS AND TO SEND COPY OF LETTER TO LOPICIC OF FSFA.

4. WE ARE ALSO ADVISED ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITIONS OF YUGOSLAV CRIMINAL CODE AND YUGOSLAV CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE OUT OF PRINT. WILL POUCH PHOTOSTATS OF RELEVANT PASSAGES UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

5. PER REQUEST REFTEL A, COMPLETE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN MEETINGS OF JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1 FOLLOWS:

JULY 31

MILOSEVIC, SPASOJE - DEPUTY, FEDERAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

BACKOVIC, PREDRAG - INDEPENDENT COUNSELOR AT THE SECRETARIAT FOR JUSTICE

NIKOLIC, ZDRAVKO - DEPUTY PRESIDENT, DISTRICT COURT IN BELGRADE.

LOPICIC, DJORDJE - INDEPENDENT COUNSELOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, FSFA

MCCARTHY, ROBERT - AMERICAN VICE CONSUL

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